



Newsletter



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FROM IRAQ : **Note from Commander**

Hello to all of the "On Time" family. From all of the correspondence I receive from the Rear Detachment Commander and from the FRG Leaders, you have been extremely busy supporting us. This past month you had your Commissary Drive as well as getting all the goods boxed up and shipped to us here. They will truly be appreciated. Most of the soldiers do not have a PX at their location and only get to come back to the airfield once a month. The products you collected for us will not only save each soldier a lot of money, but be able to get items that he may not be able to get readily. Thanks a Million from all of us. You should feel extremely proud of yourselves, we couldn't be more proud of you. Things have taken a relative calm since last month; this is directly related to the job of security all the soldiers from the battalion provide. We received fifteen new soldiers this month and have them all down to the batteries. We have numerous visits by General Officers from 1st Infantry Division, our higher headquarters here in Iraq. The Commanding General and his two Assistant Division Commander have had the chance to visit all of the Battalion's Soldiers.

We have continued our assistance to the people of Iraq through Civic Projects. Projects that our soldiers and leaders have submitted and had approved to help the people in our area of operations include: Schools, health clinics, roads, water to small villages, assisting Police and Fire Departments with needed equipment. It amazes me everyday how hard the soldiers have worked to make a difference and provide security to this country.

On July 1st, we transition sovereignty of Iraq to the Iraqi People. What does that mean to our soldiers; nothing. We will continue with our presence, our role as

security providers, patrolling the cities we over watch, helping the new Iraqi Security agencies get trained, and continue with helping with civic projects.

The Commanding General's Policy is to get as many soldiers on R&R as possible. We do have a merit list here which we decide who is the most eligible for R&R. That has been published and is available to all of you from your FRG Leaders. We are past the One-Quarter mark of this Operation. We are still scheduled to be here for one year. The unit which will replace us has been identified and has started their train-up process.

Be proud of your Husband's duty here, we are doing things that are making history, and they are making positive memories that will last a life time. Please take care of each other back home, your husbands need to know you are keeping strong and that you can raise issues with each Battery FRG group. Take Care and God Bless the "On Time Battalion".

LTC Joseph Connell
LTC, FA
Commanding

Note from CSM

Aloha from Kirkuk, Iraq: I hope all of you had a great Memorial Day even though we were not there to share it with you.

Everyone is very busy and works very hard every day. I am so impressed with the motivation and professionalism of the On Time Soldiers. We are accomplishing every mission with boldness and bravery.

There are many soldiers throughout Iraq who do not have the availability of communication the way we do. I watch soldiers as they chat in the Internet café or line up to use the phone at the FOBs phone centers. They are all anxious and ready to

call home. It really makes things better when we can regularly communicate with you back home.

We are all growing and changing through this experience. We are all learning about sacrifice, flexibility and what it takes to endure hardship away from loved ones. We know the time apart seems long but we will use everyday to become better men, better husbands, better fathers and better sons.

Please continue to pray for the safety and protection of the On Time Soldiers and all the U. S. soldiers. We are doing our best to build a strong unit and family among each other and take care of each other. I have already seen some lasting and lifelong friendships developing.

I encourage you to continue to support one another, use the Family Readiness Groups, and call our rear detachment leaders if they can be of assistance. They are our lifeline and doing a great job for the On Time Families. All the On Time Soldiers continues to keep you in our thoughts and prayer.

CSM Joe K. Zanders
ON TIME 7
Command Sergeant Major

“HAWGS”

Over the last few weeks, the Hawgs have been excelling at their mission of conducting combat operations and Security and Stabilization Operations (SASO) here in northeast Iraq. The Headquarters Battery is deployed over a sizeable area and based at several separate locations continuing to provide support to the battalion's operations. As our mission continues, our best wishes go out to the Hawgs who are currently recovering from their injuries, SSG Redman, SGT Burks, and SPC Phan.

The Hawgs in Sulaymaniyah have been working hand-in-hand with the Iraqi Border Police (IBP), monitoring border operations and enforcing Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) policy. We have been fortunate to work with the Iraqi people, helping to make the country more self-sufficient and stable. HHS soldiers have been working to improve roads, schools, and hospitals as well as the IBP and Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC). So far, the Hawgs

have submitted over 11 million dollars worth of reconstruction projects to the CPA.

The Hawgs in Kirkuk have been doing an exceptional job keeping the battalion running smoothly. Rations, mail, and supplies continue to be delivered to the outlying operating bases regularly. So far, they have logged several thousand accident free miles and continue to be the key in sustaining life support operations for the rest of the battalion. The maintenance section has been working overtime and doing an outstanding job keeping our vehicles in top shape. They have been exceeding the Army standard and we have maintained the best operational readiness rate in the brigade.

The Hawgs supporting the firing battery's at the outlying Forward Operating Bases have also been fulfilling a vital role in support operations. Our medics, cooks, mechanics, and communications soldiers have each contributed greatly to the success of the battalion mission. Overall, the Hawgs are performing a multitude of tasks simultaneously across our area of operations. We are asking a lot of our soldiers, but they have risen to the challenge. We couldn't ask for better soldiers.

Thanks to all who participated in the food drive. The packages have been distributed to the soldiers and brought a smile to their faces. Also, thanks to all who supported the car wash and fund raising events. We look forward to having a great celebration upon our return. Without the support of you, our family and friends back home, we could not be so successful. Your continued support keeps our soldiers motivated. Knowing our families are safe enables our soldiers to perform at their best and make a difference here. Thank you for your support and keep the flag waving!

CPT Tim Schmitt
1SG David Kucic

“Gator's”

Aloha, family and friends

It's the end of May already and the “Gators” continue to operate in northern Iraqi at a high pace and high level. As we continue to improve our living areas and

living condition, we remain upbeat and combat ready, Even though the temperatures continue to stay in triple digits. In this months update I will focus on three areas, R and R leave, 4-day pass, and new Gators.

I would like to clarify the battery's leave policy and the current situation with R and R leave. Currently, there is one soldier in the battery that is on his second tour in Iraq, who will be allowed to go on R and R leave next. (Unless somebody gets injured). The remaining R and R slots will be based on births and peer evaluation. It is my goal to get as many soldiers as possible on R and R leave, while remaining combat efficient. However; R and R leave has been postponed until further notice. I will keep the FRG leaders updated if this changes. Please be patient and understand that I am doing everything in my power to get your spouse home as soon as possible.

In addition to R and R leave , soldiers that are performing extremely well, will be given a four day pass. A four day pass was given to SPC Monroe from FDC which he enjoyed in eastern Iraqi. The next four day passes will be given to SGT Potter (universal soldier) and SPC Forgue (the philosopher). There are currently two locations in which soldiers enjoy their four day pass. (Qatar and eastern Iraqi)

Lastly, I would like to welcome all of the new Gators and their spouses to the battery. SSG Muniz and his wife Sabrina come to us from FT Sill, OK and they have 4 kids; Miranda 11, Veronica 9, Edward 7, and Olivia 4. PV2 Quinby, ryan is single and he hails us from Gilbert, AZ. PV2 Mckissick (who I call M and M because I can't pronounce his name) is single also and he hails us from clarion, PA. I asked that all of the spouses give Sabrina and her kids a warm welcome to the gator family.

GATOR FOR LIFE
CPT CELESTER THOMAS
CDR, A/2-11 FA

SOLDIERS SPOTLIGHT

SPC Forgue, Patrick is currently serving as the battery commanders' driver and this is his story of Iraqi thus far. (SPC Forgue left, SPC Giangrossi right)



When CPT Thomas informed me that he was going to start a soldier's corner in his newsletter, I thought it would be a wonderful idea. When he named me as the first person to write in it, I thought it would be an easy thing to do. I thought of a million things I could write about. Now that I'm sitting here writing to all of you, it's extremely difficult to figure out what I should say.

Let me begin, then, by introducing myself. My name is Specialist Patrick Forgue. I hold the position of Alpha Battery orderly (training room). I am also the commander's driver. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Maine at Orono.

My wife is Heather Urquhart, who has returned home to Maine and is currently attending the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) in their nursing program. I have two little girls, Taylor Zoe Forgue and Madison Riley Forgue, who are 2 and 1 respectively.

It has been a trial for me to be separated from my loved ones during the course of the deployment. My wife Heather updates me via email on how Taylor and Madison are evolving from babies into little girls through pictures and video clips. They're growing so fast – learning new words everyday and, of course, doing all the crazy things little girls do. She also keeps me informed about her progress at UMA: I am pleased to announce that after her first semester, she has received straight A's. My parents also email me regularly and let me know how they are and give me their perspective about life, the universe, and everything. My sister does the same; even my two nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and cousins that I haven't heard from in years write me regularly. Though it gets ever harder every day to be away from

them all, especially my wife and children, they do their best to keep my spirits up. And they do!! =)

Here in Iraq I have been extremely busy working for the battery and have also kept myself occupied during "down time." I have traveled extensively with CPT Thomas through various parts of the country, even one time driving all the way up the side of a mountain to the border of Iran. That convoy has to have been one of the most interesting and extraordinary experiences of my military career – beautiful country, foreign people and their customs, and the opportunity to stand on the gap of two nations that with whom I never thought I'd be involved. I've also had the opportunity to see the wonderful Kurdish people in North Western Iraq and am truly excited for their progress and their future since this rebuilding effort began. Lately I have been assisting SPC Meyer, our battery mechanic, with Humvee maintenance and services. In my own time, I fill what used to be off time back at Schofield Barracks by playing a guitar I ordered on the internet and by taking a graduate course through the EArmyU program. As you can see, there is never a dull moment! =)

As the weeks drive on and the days get longer and hotter, it gets harder and harder not to think about home and the people that I miss there. The only way to combat this sentiment is to stay as busy as possible, and I do. With the change in our operations (we now maintain our firing point 24/7 and keep the same schedule at the "CP"), it is an easy thing to do. The unit provides us two computers and three DSN telephones that we can all use, there are two gyms that the battery visits regularly, several MWR facilities and events are always going on, and, of course, constant personal projects that each of us undertakes to raise our standard of living. To date I have built several tables and shelves, helped build walls, fix plumbing, done some landscaping, and several other things that I never had any knowledge of before coming to Iraq. So it has been a learning experience, and it continues to be a learning experience. Unfortunately, the separation still affects me more deeply everyday. No matter how hard it gets, I will stay the course without complaint or hesitation, but that will never change the fact that I am anxious to complete this mission and go home to my

loved ones – with my new-found knowledge, of course!!

As for your husbands and sons, I love them all dearly like brothers, as they have become my extended family here in Iraq. They are the real reason why I am still sane, and I am as proud of them as I am of my family. I am confident that I can relay this message to you from my brethren: all of our love to each of you in turn. We're coming home as soon as we can and be assured we miss all of you dearly.

PROMOTIONS

Spc Commacho, Spc baker, and Spc Saylor all attended this month's promotion board. All three "Gators" did extremely well on the board and should be joining the NCO ranks in the near future.

"Bulldog's"

Bulldog Iraqi Freedom FRG Update, June Newsletter 2004

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Family and Friends:

The month of May has been an eventful and fulfilling month for the Bulldogs. The Bulldog fire supporters continue to not only support their maneuver brethren with synchronized fire support plans, but they continue to improve the Iraqi people's quality of life with civic projects and by providing training for the Iraq civil defense forces and the police. The firing element (gun-line, fire direction center, and headquarters) continues to operate out of two forward operating bases with a focus on base defense and cannon artillery missions throughout the depth of the Wolfhound area of operations.

The Bulldog fire supporters' civil affairs accomplishments are unmatched in the Wolfhound area of operations. During the past few weeks, A Team FIST has completed construction of a medical center in a town that populates over 80,000 Iraqi citizens, they have completed a \$100,000 sewage system project that services 20,000 Iraqis in Northern Iraq, and they have completed multiple water projects that will prevent water-borne diseases from being passed through village well systems. Additionally, they have hired more than 60 Iraqi nationals

to serve as a city workforce where they are charged with maintaining the newly developed utility systems and roads. B Team FIST has employed the same style of workforce in their region of responsibility. They have also opened multiple schools in and around their primary population center and are involved in the training of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps and the new Iraqi police force in the Wolfhound area of operations. C Team has completed the construction of a new school building, a water project, and renovated a mosque in three separate pro-coalition towns. Additionally, all three of the fire support teams have also had the opportunity to use cannon artillery, attack helicopters, and mortars during the execution of their fire The Bulldog gun-line and fire direction center continue to lead the way for the battalion in the firing of artillery throughout the brigade's zone. The Bulldogs have already fired more than 1900 artillery rounds during the execution of over 800 live fire missions. This surpasses the previous total fired by a battery during Operation Iraqi Freedom by over 600 rounds. More noteworthy, these missions have been executed with precision to not only achieve the maneuver commander's objective, but also minimize the collateral effects on a nation we are trying hard to build. Along with the headquarters element, the gun-line, and fire direction center commit themselves everyday to improve the base defense of two separate forward operating bases, and the Bulldog Battery continues to serve as the command and control node for a forward operating base that houses infantrymen, artillerymen, air defenders, engineers, signal corpsmen, and a medical team. At both of our forward operating bases, it is a true combined arms effort. This Saturday, one of my peers asked me why the Bulldogs are successful. I immediately thought of an old quote my father used from a man name Rudyard Kipling, an English novelist. When referring to the "law of the jungle," he stated, "the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack." We have been successful in Northern Iraq because the Bulldogs are self-motivated, driven, and conscientious individuals that unite to accomplish unbelievable "team" goals. It is amazing how much we can accomplish when no one cares who receives the credit. You all have wonderful husbands, family members, and friends who commit themselves everyday to achieving battery objectives, and

ensuring that during the time we are in Iraq, we are making a difference in a country that has seen many dark days.

Please continue to support and rally around your brave soldiers who put "it" on the line everyday. As I have said in the past, the unyielding support of our families is the number one contributing factor to our success in Iraq. Thank you for your support and God bless!

CPT Steve Carpenter
Commander
Bulldog 6

Picture: A Team FIST calling for Attack Helicopters in Northern Iraq



"Cougar's"

Cougar Pride is as strong as ever. We are living and working in three primary locations. The Battery Headquarters is located in Dibis, and the Battery Fire Direction Center is located in Altun Kapri. The Gun Sections are split between these two cities. The Fire Support Platoon is currently working out of Kirkuk, but the Golden Dragons stay so busy that it is difficult to guess where they will be next. The supply section is also located in Kirkuk where they work with the logistics team to help keep us ready for any mission. The Cougars in Dibis and Altun Kapri have been busy learning and using the skills of motorized infantry units.

In Dibis, Cougars trained four police officers who were accepted to the Jordanian Police Academy, and prepared five Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) noncommissioned officers for the first Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) class. We recently learned that the Cougars from Dibis were featured on the April 14, 2004 *DefendAmerica.mil* web page for locating a roadside bomb. The Cougars have been keeping the peace and have prevented five rocket attacks in recent weeks. Our soldiers in Dibis completed a project that brought power and lighting to five police and ICDC checkpoints preventing the danger of car wrecks at these isolated locations. Along with its Civil Affairs Team, the Cougars have been checking on the conditions in villages that are being rebuilt throughout the area. The soldiers have been designing field sanitation kits for these areas that include sandals, latrines, and water tanks. The Cougars have renovated the Dibis Veterinary Clinic as well, an important project for its large agriculture community. The Karabrud Village Clinic was also built and opened. At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, ground was broken on the Karabrud School, which will be ready in time for the new school year. The Dibis Cougars have also been busy improving their patrol base. There are new showers already, and an expanded kitchen is under construction. Two new guard towers have been built, and the concrete is curing on the second helicopter pad. It seems like the favorite activity these days for unwinding is an emerging horseshoe and volleyball league that includes the Dibis City Council, the Dibis Police, and the ICDC soldiers.

The Cougars in Altun Kapri call themselves Outlaws. The Outlaws have been busy training their new ICDC rifle company. Their ICDC welcoming ceremony was featured in the May 21, 2004 *Hawaii Army Weekly*. The Altun Kapri Cougars usually train with the ICDC Company twice a day, and the ICDC soldiers have assisted the local police department by taking over the local checkpoints. The Outlaw Cougars have been very busy with community projects as well. Since February, they have supervised 37 projects, and have helped over 100 villages. They are supervising a large project to build a city and district government in the Shwan region of the Kirkuk province. They have assisted in forming the government and overseen the construction of a police department and a city government building. The quality of life construction at the Altun Kapri patrol base is in full swing as well. There is an expanded living area, new air conditioners are being installed for the long hot summer, and new staircases and showers are under construction just to list a few things. The Outlaws have conducted helicopter medical evacuation training, and soon they will conduct air assault training with Army Blackhawk helicopters.

The Fire Support Platoon can't keep still. They have been in Nejaf, Tuz, and Mosul. Alpha Team is located in Dakuk, while the rest of the platoon is located in Kirkuk for now. We will all have to watch and see if they will stay there or go on another adventure. CPL Stanley and SPC Morales were responsible for a very successful fire mission near Nejaf recently. SPC Stanley was promoted from PFC. The Cougars with the Golden Dragons continue to make us proud.

SGT Aukai, SGT Bohner, and CPL Desilva all reenlisted in May. We are very proud of them. C Battery welcomed three new soldiers to the Firing Platoon, PFC Justin Schmigel, PVT Dennis Yawney, and SSG Toris Knight. It is officially hot in Northern Iraq, and we all long for the pleasant Hawaiian weather and time with our families. All of the support we receive from the Family Readiness Group improves the Cougars' morale, and we all appreciate it. We all enjoyed seeing photos of FRG car wash, and the sheer volume of donations the FRG collected for the soldiers' goody boxes overwhelmed everybody. We couldn't do this job without your support. Thank You.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at Whitney.Campbell@us.army.mil.
Cougar Pride!

FAD:

Eyes of Thunder!

I am amazed that we left Hawaii four months ago. As we lined up our bags and issued weapons and nervously awaited the bus to the airport that night, we wondered what this year would bring. We assumed sand and heat and camels and gunfights and counterfire and tents and no showers and way too many MREs. Now as we consider ourselves seasoned and even begin to plan to receive our combat patches on 6 June, the reality is very different than those early assumptions. Everyone sleeps in a bed. Depending on what operating base you live on, two or three hot meals are available daily. Although the water is not always hot, there is no shortage of showers. We receive mail quickly; there is satellite TV, phone centers, email capabilities and less sand than any of us dreamed. Our high state of morale and welfare directly contributes to the effectiveness of every soldier on this team. The change in our radar sites, our homes, our operating bases, our physiques, our vehicles and our attitudes is unbelievable compared to that first cold rainy day in February when we completed the 600 mile convoy into Kirkuk.

Heavy engineer equipment operated by a local national has been running all day, every day this week to further reinforce our radar sites and guarantee the safety of our men and our mission essential equipment. Both radar sections have designed incredible layouts that facilitate operations and make their lives better. SGT Palmer spearheaded a project to build an awesome shed to organize his team's equipment and dramatically improve Section Two's radar position. On Wednesday, I watched SGT Everly supervise the completion of his section's new site. Very well done!

For the early part of this week, the Headquarters Team supervised a motivated crew of 14 Iraqis who filled over 6000 sandbags to place on the roofs of our containers. This is a significant improvement to our living quarters and force protection. We paid the men \$1000 to

fill the bags and place them on the roof. SPC Barbera, CPL Crayton and SGT Ford thought this was a small price to pay considering the backbreaking effort and high temperatures. I am constantly amazed by the average Iraqi's desire to improve his station in life through hard work. Pumping American money into the local economy is another way that we are helping Iraq recover from 30 years of devastating rule and terror. Everybody won this week!

Everyday our men improve our operating bases in some way. SSG Price and his section are growing grass in their front yard. PV2 Lewis, PFC Cox, PFC Droghei and SPC Gulley are raising two puppies. Thanks to the flea baths, worm medicine and other medical supplies provided by our families and the Army medics, I think these puppies will be great Eyes of Thunder mascots! A new swimming pool was just completed at the radar operating base to provide relief from the heat. Life gets better in Iraq everyday. Might be hard to leave next year . . . or maybe it won't!

SGT Kelsey, SPC Arnold, SGT Robinson and CW2 Hunter are leading the Eyes of Thunder Body Building Program. They religiously hit the gym and it shows. Their example is inspiring the rest of their teammates. SFC Bennett had to trade his pants with one of the officers because he is getting so slim. He's riding his bike, eating well and sweating constantly . . . oh and he hasn't drank a beer in 4 months!

SGT Chelith and PFC Pearman work around the clock to keep not only our vehicles perfect, but also to take care of Bravo Battery and 1-27 Infantry Battalion. Awesome men! We have a great maintenance record because of their efforts and the efforts of men like PFC Wall and SGT Reagan. They take their jobs personally and always try to be the best.

Routine is proving to be a worthy adversary. We see the same people, eat the same food, tell the same stories and deal with the same problems day after day and week after week. It is like Groundhog Day IRAQ. 1SG Ferrell built a great refit program to rotate men off the radar sites back to Kirkuk Air Base to sleep in, enjoy the dining facility and use the PX. SPC Peguero and SPC Ski spent four days in Qatar. Their smiles proved that they reenergized themselves, their silence proved

that they had a great time and that I didn't need/want to know the details. We hope to see R&R Leave and the 4-Day Pass Program rejuvenated by mid-June. Finally, some of our men are trying to start an Eyes of Thunder band. Seems like everyone plays, thinks they play or wants to play the guitar.

Life is going. We are doing well thanks to each man's hard work and your enormous support. Thank you for the prayers and thoughts and mail. Take care.

Respectfully,
CPT Adam Wojcik
25 Field Artillery Detachment Commander

A note from your FRG's

Hello "On Time" Battalion Family Members

There have been great things happening in the Battalion in the last couple of months. We have had such great support from all of you with the fundraisers and car washes. All the proceeds will go for the Homecoming Party for all of our soldiers. I cannot thank you enough for everything each one of you does. These are some of the pictures from the last Car Wash



We held a Food Donation on May 1 and 2 at the Commissary all the donations have been sent to all the soldiers in our Battalion. Thank you to all the ladies that took time out of their busy schedules to help out at the Commissary and packing up all the food. We sent approximately 8 boxes to each Battery. Here are some of the pictures from the Food Drive



It is hard to believe that we are going on month 5 of the deployment!! Almost half way through, I hope all of you have a wonderful summer! If you are traveling to the mainland be sure to advise your FRG Leader and the Rear-D Commander of your location on the mainland during your trip.

Have a safe summer!

Melissa Connell
Battalion FRG Leader

HHS:

Aloha Wonderful Wives of HHS. It is hard to believe that almost 5 months has gone by already. You guys are doing a fantastic job with everything and I appreciate all of the volunteer hours and hard work that you all have put into the FRG. My hat is off to you guys for the participation from HHS at all of the fundraisers. As always ladies, if you need me I am here. Remember **TEAM** is our motto, **Together Everyone Achieves More**. Let's continue to keep it "On Time" Lady Hawgs!

Hoooah,
Anisha Donegan
HHS FRG Leader

Alpha Battery:

"Distance never separated two hearts that really care."

Though you are far from home, you are not far from our hearts. Absence *truly* makes our hearts grow fonder

Bravo

Bulldogs

BULLDOGS! Almost six months down, Half way done and all is well! We grow stronger daily and now know that we as wives of 2-11 soldiers can endure and overcome any thing. We welcome Cpt. Brad Culligan as our new Battery Commander. He brings with him wife Jessica and new baby Ava as well as great wisdom and courage. We do say our good-byes to Cpt. Steve Carpenter and wife Kaitlin who will soon be PCSing. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the last year and a half. HOOAH!

Charlie Battery Spouses.

Thanks to all of you who attended our FRG meeting in May! I also want to thank our POC's who have been working hard giving their time and support. All of your work is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting, a Battalion FRG meeting, will be at noon on June 12th at the Divarty Theater. I will be out of town until July 16th, so there will not be a formal meeting for July. However, I would encourage your family to attend the Schofield July 4th Celebration. Frieda Rumell will be near the 2-11 FA tent and would like to invite all of Charlie Battery to

gather together and enjoy the festival in each others company. I will continue to send out email updates during my absence but please don't hesitate to call or send an email if you have any questions or concerns. The next scheduled FRG meeting in Wednesday, August 11th. Take care!

Angie O'Bryan

Fundraisers:

Polish Pottery Ornaments



\$25 each

If you buy 3 or more they are \$20 each. You can contact your FRG Leader or Melissa Connell at jmconnell@verizon.net to place an order. A \$10 deposit is required on all orders.

Key Calendar of Event: June

16th Deployment Town Hall Meeting
SGT Smith Theater 1830
20th Father's Day Brunch at Hale Ikena &
NLC

JULY

4th 4th of July Spectacular: 2-11 FA will
have their own picnic area

What ACS has to offer?

Spouse's Night Out

Every Thursday night from 6:30 PM, all
spouses of deployed soldiers are invited.
Some of the upcoming events are

June 17 - Hula Dance and Sign Language

June 17 & 24 – Design your own family
webpage

Quilting is every Thursday

Free childcare is available for Blue Star Card holders by calling 655-3929 no
later than 12:00 noon on the Tuesday prior to each Thursday night event.

Reservations can be made up to two weeks in advance!

Notes to our Soldiers:

- ♥ Charolyn Jones: We love you and hope you come home soon.
- ♥ Frances Wagner: We love and miss you very much. Please stay safe and be very, very careful. And we can't wait to see you again.
- ♥ Hey babe, I can't believe we're Coming up on the 5th month! Time Flies when your having fun, everwhat, right?! Dairston wanted to tell you that he made year- round honor roll and got promoted in JPO,,, boy's on fire,,lol! Our baby girl is starting kindergarten this year, babe, can you believe that?! Don't even think about it getting it reversed, you will be sooo through, don't even play,

cleetus. I can't wait until we're all together again~we miss you! All my heart 🌹 Dena

- ♥ Deron (Daddy), We are so proud of you, keep up the great work! We miss you and love you more than words could ever tell...Lots of Love and Prayers, Tracy, Jackson, Emma and Badge
- ♥ Big Daddy, Q, Ikaika and I miss you so much that I can not say it more. All is well. We are blessed and highly favored by the highest God! We know that 2/11 has the BEST Maintenance in the 2nd BDE!!! Go Baby, Warrants Are in a Class by themselves!!! SMOOCHES, Baby
- ♥ Hello David, I love you and miss you very much and I am praying for you as well as the other great soldiers over there serving. Keep your eyes focus and your mind and thoughts on God and he will lead you back to me. I love you honey and I am here for you. Love Jeanie Jackson
- ♥ Brenda Bejar: To the Man of My Dreams I can't wait to see you. Hang in there be safe and HAPPY FATHERS DAY. We will have many more... Love you always Bren. P.S. I really love your peaches want to shake your tree.
- ♥ Valecia Hatchett: Spc. Hatchett we love you and care about you be safe.
- ♥ Hello Jash, All is well for us except that you aren't here. The days all seem to blend together without you. Jared wants to know if you are read for the SMACK DOWN. We all love you and want you to be safe. Pascale, Jared and Anne-Marie
- ♥ Smoke Donegan, I am proud of you for everything that you are doing. Five months down already so keep up the good work. I love you and miss you, and am sending

- many thoughts and prayers to you.
All my Love, Anisha
- ♥ This is my message to my husband Jason Page: Happy Father's Day honey we really hope you get our gifts to you on time. The kids and I are doing just fine. We love you and we appreciate everything you have giving us. Here's all the love in the world from you loving family.
Love You,
Your Family
 - ♥ To SFC Moreno
Don't worry about us that we're just fine. The girls and I are waiting for the day you come home so we can give you a great BIG hug and kiss. Take care of yourself and remember there's always someone who loves you waiting for you.
We love and Miss you
The Moreno Girls
 - ♥ SSG Farmer: Hey Bay, Things are not the same here without you. Your presence is truly missed. Jay is getting so big and beautiful. She misses her daddy. Be safe and remember we love and miss you very much.

Love Ya, Mitzi, Ja'Sona, & Jasper 2
 - ♥ Hi Daddy, We Miss you and we love you. Take care and come home soon. Jonathan is now Potty Trained...YEAH! Love, The Cruz's!!!!
 - ♥
 - ♥ SFC Wertzbaugher,
Hi honey! We LOVE YOU and MISS YOU. Be careful, and smile.
Love: Crystal and Cameron
 - ♥ Ryan, I love you and I miss you so much. I am so proud of you and so proud to be your wife. You are my HERO. Be strong and stay safe, I can't wait to see you!
Jen VanEmburg
 - ♥ SSG Sydnor, Zoey and I say hello, we love you and miss you very much. Bye Daddy! The Sydnor's.
 - ♥ SGT Bonds, Almost half way through, stay strong. Your little Privates miss you and can't wait to see you soon. All our love, The Bonds Squad.
 - ♥ SGT Rivera, We love you and we miss you and are always thinking about you. The kids are always thinking about you. Take care and Be safe. Love, The Rivera's
 - ♥ SPC Terry Wilson, Kia and I are sending our love. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! We love you and we miss you and wish that you were here. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope to see you soon. Love, Mrs. Wilson and Kia.
 - ♥ SPC Fontenot, I miss you and I love you. Be safe and come home safe and sound. Love you, Sharon Fontenot.
 - ♥ SSG Blowe, We love you and we miss you. We hope to see you soon. Love, The Blowe's
 - ♥ SPC Peterson, We love you and miss you. Be Careful and Be Safe. Love Megan & Kids